



“Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.”

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BARK PARKS:

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**SANDY BOTTOM
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Two Bark Parks Offer More Bark for Your Buck!

The long awaited opening of the Bark Park at Sandy Bottom Nature Park has arrived! Hampton's second dog park opened on September 1st with the official Grand Opening scheduled for September 20th from 11am - 2pm. A variety of dog-friendly activities are planned such as:

- Dog Obedience Demos with Bark Park University Graduates at 12:30pm
 - Visit from Chick-fil-A reps
 - 10 Bones Bakery will be selling their treats - dogs dig 'em!
 - Pet Portraits by Carol - Bring your favorite costume or fall fashions
 - On-site registration with city license
- So...grab your leashes, load up the dogs

and join us as we celebrate our 'new addition'!

The wooded, lake-front setting of Sandy Bottom's Bark Park offers members a striking contrast to the open spaces and beach-front breezes of Buckroe's Park. With the annual membership including access to both parks, members can now enjoy the luxury of choosing from either of these unique sites. Both will be open year-round for your fun and convenience.

For more information on the Sandy Bottom Bark Park you can contact them at 825-4657 or via e-mail at sbottom@hampton.gov. You'll also want to check out their website at www.hampton.gov/sandybottom.

Classes Back in Session for the Fall

Why, to the Bark Park, of course! Not one to rest on its laurels, the Hampton Parks and Recreation Department is busy planning all kinds of exciting activities for its four-legged citizens. Some of the fun for canines will include:

Basic Dog Obedience

Age: Handlers 12+
Day/Date: Saturdays, October 18
Time: 9 - 10am
Registration Deadline: September 19
Fee: \$45 (\$40 for Bark Park members)
Location: Buckroe Beach Park
Call 726-5437 for information

This class will teach on-lead work, heeling, sit/stay, down/stay, coming when called and standing for examination. Puppies should be 6 months.

Intermediate Obedience Training

Age: Handlers 12+
Day/Date: Saturdays, October 18
Time: 10-11am

Registration Deadline: September 19
Fee: \$45 (\$40 for Bark Park members)
Location: Buckroe Bark Park

During this course, you and your dog will expand on the tools and techniques learned in basic obedience. The owner will be taught more handling skills with emphasis placed on recalls and the stay command. This course also prepares your dog for advanced training.

Autumn Pet Portraits

Day/Date: Saturday, September 20
Time: 10am-until the last dog barks
Fee: \$12.99/sheet
Website: www.826dogs.com
Location: Sandy Bottom Nature Park

Have your pet's photo taken and get the pictures the same day. Pets are part of your family, so wouldn't it be nice to have a portrait of them to go with the other family pictures? Call 826-3647 to schedule your pet's time.

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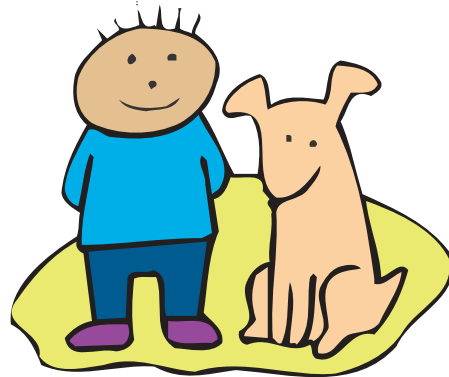
What are friends for?

If you've enjoyed your membership in the Bark Parks and would like to take a more active role in their operation, a new opportunity has arisen that may be of interest to you. A group of members are organizing a "Friends of Hampton's Bark Parks" to provide hands-on support for the existing parks at Buckroe and Sandy Bottom as well as any future ones.

In the process of establishing itself as a not-for-profit corporation, the group's initial goal is to raise money for ongoing maintenance and improvements to the Bark Parks. If you would like to be a member of the new group

and have a voice in this process, you are invited to share your thoughts and ideas at an organizational meeting. For more information, call "Friends" Founder and Chairman, E. Phyllis Flanders at 851-8614.

Friends of Hampton's Bark Park
Tuesday, September 23 at 7 pm
Ruppert L. Sargent Building
(corner of Queen and Franklin
Streets in downtown Hampton)
1st Floor Conference Room



Halloween Pawty
Saturday, October 25
Buckroe Bark Park
1-3 pm

Halloween is just around the corner and we thought it might be fun for our favorite canines to do a little 'tricking and treating' of their own! So... 'bone up' on those pet tricks, create that perfect costume for four-legged ghosties and goblins, then head to the beach for a little spooky fun!

Our very special (and highly trained) judges will award treats to dogs for: Best Trick, Best Costume, and Best Hat and, to get everyone into the spirit of the holiday, prizes for owners with the Best Costume and -- are you ready for this? -- Best Trick!!! Yep, that's right... Best Trick! Let's see who's trained who!!

The pawty is free but, to make sure we have enough goodies for our 'trick or treaters', please call 727-6784 or e-mail us to let us know you're coming.



Ask Fido

What is a Titer Test?

Zoe (Schnauzer)

Recent studies have shown that the immunity derived from the canine Distemper combination vaccine may last longer than one year. While each canines' level of protection may vary, it is believed that over-vaccination may put patients at risk for problems such as immunologic diseases and cancer. As a result of these beliefs and opinions, some vets now offer an option versus the normal yearly booster. A Titer test is a blood test used to measure your dogs' immunity to both distemper and parvovirus. The blood is usually taken when you have your heartworm check and takes a few days to get the results.

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